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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on August 16, 2000. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks made herein. Applicants believe that no fees are due. Should Applicants be in error, please charge deposit account no. 20-0531.

REMARKS

Certified English Translations of Priority Documents

Enclosed herewith are certified English translations of priority documents JP 54977, filed February 20, 1995 and JP 207508, filed July 21, 1995. Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is entitled to the priority dates of February 20, 1995 and July 21, 1995 based on JP 54977 and JP 207508, respectively.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 32-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by WO 97/23614 (" '614 publication"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the reasons provided below.

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